

Washington Township library offers summer programs

WASHINGTON TWP. - The township Public Library will host various programs this summer.

They include:

The Morning Book Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 14 and discuss "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress," by Dor Sijie.

The Mystery Book Club will meet at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 8 and discuss "The Number One Ladies Detective," by Alexander McCall Smith.

The Adult Summer Reading Club will meet from June 23 through Aug. 15.

Sign up at the reference desk beginning Monday, June 23. Patrons can fill out an entry form for every book read or audio heard. One prize will be awarded each week followed by three grand prizes at the end of the eight-week period.

Call the Reference Desk at (908) 876-3596 for more information.

Children's programs include:

The Summer Reading Club begins June 23 and ends Aug. 15. All age children can participate and win prizes.

Toddler Time: Children up to 3 and one-half meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for stories and filmstrips.

Story Time for children 3-5 meets at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for stories and filmstrips.

Wednesday Tales for children 5-9 meets at 4 p.m., Wednesday, for stories and a snack.

Bedtime Tales for children 2-7 meets at 7 p.m., Thursday. Bring a cuddly pal, wear PJ's and enjoy stories.

No registration is required for story times.

The Party Animals return at 11 a.m., Friday, June 27 with a rain date of Monday, June 30. Kathy Spurduto will bring a llama, pig, ferret, bunny and other animals for children of all ages to enjoy. No registration required.

Plant a candy garden at 1 p.m., on Saturday, June 28, for children 8 and older. Call (908) 876-3596 or stop in to register.

Board Game Day is from 3 to 4:30 p.m., on Monday, June 30, for children 5 to 15. The library will have games or children may bring games. No registration is required.

Highlands is subject of program

CHESTER - The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey will host "An Armchair View of the Highlands," an indoor presentation and discussion on the state of the Highlands forest area today, from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, at the Kay Environmental Center in

Chester.

The program is free and open to the public.

Join Eric Stiles, vice president for conservation and stewardship at New Jersey Audubon, will give a short presentation and discussion on the Highlands area. Topics to be examined

include the influx of invasive plant and animal species as well as the threat of development to this special region, said a statement.

For information and directions, call Mike Bisignano at (908) 879-7262.

Schooley's Mountain Poets to read June 24

WASHINGTON TWP. - The Schooley's Mountain Poets will host an open poetry reading from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, at the Washington Township Public Library, Schooley's Mountain.

Poet Dorothy Ryan, author of a book of poems titled "Animal Weaver," will present her poetry and be followed with open reading time. Ryan's poems have been pub-

lished in "The Christian Science Monitor," "Paterson Literary Review," "Parting Gifts," "America," "Many Mountains Moving," "The Pedestal," and others.

She is a frequent contributor of poetry and book reviews to "Off The Coast." She was a first-prize winner in the 2000 contest by "Rambunctious Review" and placed as a finalist for the

2001 Foley Poetry Prize. She also has work in "To Love One Another: Poems Celebrating Marriage" (Grayson Books, 2002) and is a member of AWP and The National Writers Association.

Poets are invited to bring their poems or listen to others read. All material must be suitable for a general audience.

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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION II INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

Proposed Cleanup for the

Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site

South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the opening of a 30-day public comment period on the Proposed Plan and Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS), which addresses the cleanup of contaminated soil at properties in the vicinity of the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics (CDE) facility in South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey. As part of the public comment period, EPA will hold a public meeting on June 23, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., in the South Plainfield Borough Hall located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey. The meeting, which will address the proposed cleanup plan, will allow community members to comment on the proposed plan to EPA officials. A final copy of the RI/FS for residential, commercial, and municipal properties in the vicinity of the CDE facility and Proposed Plan may be reviewed at the South Plainfield Public Library, 2484 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, and at the EPA Region II Records Center located at 290 Broadway, 18th Floor in New York City.

As the lead agency, EPA divided the site into three Operable Units (OUs). The first OU addresses residential, commercial, and municipal properties in the vicinity of the CDE facility. The second operable unit (OU2) will address the remediation of soils and buildings at the former CDE facility on Hamilton Boulevard. The third and final operable unit (OU3) will address the contaminated groundwater and contaminated sediments at the Bound Brook.

Based upon the results of the first Operable Unit RI/FS, EPA prepared a Proposed Plan that describes all the cleanup alternatives and provides EPA's rationale for recommending a single alternative. EPA evaluated the following three alternatives:

- Alternative 1: No Action
- Alternative 2: Limited Action; Engineering and Institutional Controls
- Alternative 3: Excavation; Off-Site Disposal with Treatment

EPA recommends Alternative 3: Excavation; Off-Site Disposal with Treatment for the Preferred Alternative in the Proposed Plan.

Before selecting a final remedy, EPA and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will consider all written and oral comments on this preferred remedy. All comments must be received on or before July 16, 2003. The final decision document, or Record of Decision, will include a summary of public comments and EPA's responses.

Comments will be accepted in person at the public meeting and/or in written form through July 16, 2003. Please address all written comments to:

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